

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

MURATA et al

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Application No.: New Application

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: July 27, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107156-00073

For: AUDIO REPRODUCING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 27, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 3 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.


3. (Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the discriminating device is provided to discriminate, as a sound stream, one or more of audio coding mode, quantization, sampling frequency and the number of audio channels.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended to delete the multiple dependency. No new matter is contained in the amendment. Timely examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosure: Marked-up Copy of Amended Claim 3

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM 3**

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3. (Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the discriminating device is provided to discriminate, as a sound stream, one or more of audio coding mode, quantization, sampling frequency and the number of audio channels.

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